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News

State of Delaware to acquire historic property at Cooch's Bridge, the site of the state's only Revolutionary War battle

Division to administer the home and surrounding property.

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The Cooch House and property

Division to sponsor seven special events during January 2019

Highlights include activities celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, early jazz and the Avery's Rest archaeological site.

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Museums of the State of Delaware 2018–2019 winter-holiday schedule

Enjoy the season and learn about the First State's many contributions to the history and culture of the United States.

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Seventeenth annual Delaware Day competition winners announced

Program encourages students to study the U.S. Constitution and Delaware's role in its creation.

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Division notes passing of Collections Committee member Joe Gates

Social-studies teacher, principal, librarian and collector helped bring history alive.

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End-of-year meeting honors division employees and volunteers

Event celebrated the agency's 2018 achievements.

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Help Save Delaware History

Craig Lukezic to leave division employment

Archaeologist headed to new job at Naval Air Station Patuxent River in Maryland.

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The Impact of Tax Reform on the Federal Historic Tax Credit One Year Later

Post recaps the successful effort to preserve the federal Historic Tax Credit and details the impact of changes to the program.

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National Historic Preservation Advocacy Week, March 12–14, 2019

Annual gathering promotes sound federal preservation policy and programs.

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After a year of fighting, historic Delaware home on the Brandywine set for demolition

News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—Dec. 3, 2018

Row of homes once housed workers for Walker's Mill

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Articles on development planned on possible slave burial site in Frankford

State's [Unmarked Human Remains law](#) may be triggered if burials are uncovered.

[Lore of slave gravesite brings controversy to Sussex development](#)

Daily Times, Salisbury, Md.—Dec. 7, 2018

[Delaware NAACP outraged over developer's plans to build townhouses on possible slave burial site in Frankford](#)

WXDE Radio, Milford, Del.—Nov. 26, 2018

“Partners in Preservation: Planning for the Future—Delaware’s Historic Preservation Plan, 2018–2022”

Document outlines six broad goals for preserving Delaware’s heritage for the future.

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Media Roundup

The following Delaware history-related articles have recently appeared in the media:

[Looking to Escape the House this Holiday? Go to a State Museum – They’re Free](#)

Town Square Delaware—Dec. 18, 2018

The state’s museums tell the story of the First State’s contributions to the history of the United States.

[‘The state that started a nation’](#)

Coastal Point, Ocean View, Del.—Dec. 6, 2018

Article on Delaware Day

Articles on the State of Delaware’s acquisition of historic property at Cooch’s Bridge, the site of the state’s only Revolutionary War

Division to administer the Cooch House and surrounding property.

[State buying Cooch’s Bridge Revolutionary battle site](#)

Dover Post, Del.—Dec. 10, 2018

[Delaware to preserve Revolutionary War battle site](#)
Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del.—Dec. 9, 2018

[Site of Delaware's only Revolutionary War battle to be preserved](#)
WHYY TV 12, Wilmington, Del.—Dec. 9, 2018

[Site Of Delaware's Only Revolutionary War Battle Acquired By The State](#)
First State Update, Del.—Dec 9, 2018

[Cooch family: We're proud to see our Revolutionary War site preserved](#)
News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—Dec. 7, 2018

[Saving a piece of the past](#)
Delaware Business Now, Newark, Del.—Dec. 7, 2018

[Photo Gallery: State of Delaware acquires Cooch's Bridge site](#)
News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—Dec. 7, 2018

[State purchases Cooch property, site of Revolutionary War battle](#)
Delaware Business Now, Newark, Del.—Dec. 7, 2018

[State to purchase, preserve historic Cooch's Bridge Battlefield](#)
Newark Post, Del.—Dec. 7, 2018

[Video: Hallowed ground: home, more property to be preserved at Cooch's Bridge](#)
WDEL Radio, Wilmington, Del.—Dec. 7, 2018

[Delaware's Revolutionary War battlefield, Cooch's Bridge, to get new scrutiny](#)
News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—Dec. 3, 2018
Archaeological investigations to take place at the site near Newark, Del.

Events

Saturday, Dec. 22

[Handmade for the Holidays](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

Monday, Dec. 24

[Christmas Eve](#) – All museums of the State of Delaware closed

Tuesday, Dec. 25

[Christmas Day](#) – All museums of the State of Delaware closed

Monday, Dec. 31

[New Year's Eve](#) – The Old State House open. John Dickinson Plantation, Johnson Victrola Museum, New Castle Court House Museum and Zwaanendael Museum closed

Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019

[New Year's Day](#) – All museums of the State of Delaware closed

Saturday, Jan. 5

[Ringing in the New Year With Jazz](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum

[Divided Delaware](#) – The Old State House

Friday, Jan. 11

[Concert by Phyllis Chapell](#) – The Old State House

Saturday, Jan. 12

[Lecture on the Avery's Rest Archaeological Site](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

Wednesday, Jan. 16

[Delaware State Review Board for Historic Preservation Meeting](#) – Delaware Public Archives

Monday, Jan. 21

[Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum and The Old State House open. John Dickinson Plantation, New Castle Court House Museum and Zwaanendael Museum closed

[Courage and Freedom](#) – The Old State House

[The Struggle](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum

For a comprehensive, long-term calendar of division-sponsored events, [go here](#).

Exhibits and Displays

Ongoing

[Delaware Railroads: Elegant Travel and Timely Transport](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Drawing America to Victory](#) – Online

[Five Stories](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

[Letters From a Farmer in Pennsylvania](#) – Online

[New Castle: Three Forts, One Community](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[The Old State House: A True Restoration 1976-2016](#) – The Old State House

[The Path to Freedom: A History of the Underground Railroad in Delaware](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[Sculpture by Charles Parks](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[A Seaborne Citizenry: The DeBraak and Its Atlantic World](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Simple Machines](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

[When Janie Comes Marching Home: Women's Fight to Serve](#) – Legislative Hall



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